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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

Applicants thank Examiner Lee for the indication of allowed matter for claims 5-8, 13-16 and 18-21.

SUPPORT FOR THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Support for the claim amendments and new claims may be found in allowed claims 13 and 14. Thus, no new matter has been added and no new issues are believed to be raised.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1-4, 9-12 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Miller '822 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 17. Independent claims 1 and 9 have been cancelled. Dependent claims 2-4 now depend from allowed claim 5. Dependent claims 10-12 now depend from allowed claim 13. Newly presented claims 22 and 23 include portions of claim 14.

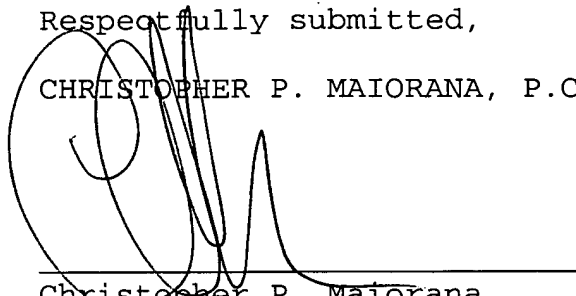
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Respectfully submitted,

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